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**Ermineskin Newsletter August 7, 2024**  
**Neyâskweyâhk Acimowin Ohpahowipîsim Tepakohp**



## M.E.S.C 2024 Kehtehyak Forum

*“Take the time to cherish our elders, anyway you can. We are so lucky, us as Maskwacis People, to have those that are with us today. To have that knowledge, those stories and our Cree Language, we are so lucky.”* says Izaiah Swampy-Omeasoo.

This generation of elders holds a vital role within our Nations, as the living archive of our rich heritage, teachings and traditions they have been able to pass on when facing the identity crisis within our people. Their deep-seated knowledge and experience offer invaluable insights into our past, rebuilding generational gaps with stories and cultural experiences that might otherwise be lost. With our last remaining elders, it is important to learn all that we can from them, keeping their spirit alive by starting as students to one day become the teachers, beginning the cycle of knowledge keeping. Through their guidance and personal involvement, they impart essential values and historical context, helping younger generations appreciate and understand their roots.

Maskwacis Education Schools Commission hosted their Kehtehyak Forum, inviting Maskwacis elders to come and be part of the conversation when it comes to our education system and how we, as Nations, want our children to be brought up. The purpose of this forum was to involve those who have walked before us, molding our youth into future elders. With the guidance of our kehtehyak, we can create that spark needed to rebuild and strengthen our homefires.



As a school district, M.E.S.C. aims to focus on the inclusion of our people in the building of our curriculum and Cree Cultural Values. The involvement of parents and elders in the education system is encouraged by staff, as the shared goal is to surround our children in their culture, accept their differences and embrace them with compassion. It is important to attend these forums, as it gives you a closer look into the programs your children will experience, how the language will be implemented, and meet the people you have trusted to lead your children down the path of education.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the forum, the event was a huge success with your involvement. We hope to see more of these events from M.E.S.C. very soon!



# INDIGENOUS SMASH LEAGUE



Top 8 for ISL & OPEN that happened this past weekend July 20th 2024! Congrats to Jon Arbuckle for winning the ISL bracket! Congrats to Jome for winning the Open bracket!

Jome, Jon Arbuckle, and Real have earned their spots into Lacombe Dome The Movie August 17th-18th! Jon Arbuckle, Real, The Lackey, and Arturia have secured their spots in the Indigenous Smash League Championships!

Huge shout outs to the competitors for coming out to Maskwacis and making this a great event! Shout out to the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nations Smash Bros. players for coming out and putting up a good fight against our Maskwacis Smash Bros. players! Huge thanks to our sponsors Ermineskin Cree Nation and Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council for making this event possible!

## E.C.N GAME NIGHT- UPDATE

- ✦ Location: Jim Rattlesnake Building
- ✦ Every Second Thursday start July 18th, 2024. From 5pm-7pm.
- ✦ Free entry, bring your family and friends!



# ERMINESKIN DAYCARE REFURBISHED

Huge thank you to NorthBear's Contracting Services Inc. for doing this for the ECN Daycare. It is greatly appreciated and we thank you wholeheartedly for creating a beautiful, safe and welcoming environment for our awasisak and our staff.

*"A little walk through of the projects we were honored to complete in Ermineskin Cree Nation. Over all they were such fun projects with the team! Without our guys and gals that helped us out with these; we truly could have not completed in the time-frame we aimed for. Clients are satisfied plus the kiddos all have a nice yard to play and grow in!"*







# **ERMINESKIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS QUARTER ONE REPORT**

S. Collin Wildcat, Ec.D- **Director of External Affairs and Governance**

Robert Smallboy- **Executive Assistant**

Councillor Cheryl Littlechild- **Portfolio Representative**

Ermineskin External Affairs and Governance Department purpose is to maintain and protect ECN Inherent and Treaty Rights and interests, while overseeing and directing the legal and governance initiatives of the Nation. The key programs and services provided include National and Regional External Affairs, Restorative Justice, Tribal Law/Treaty Protectorate, Membership, Lands, and Post Secondary Support Program.

The External Affairs and Governance Division consists of the following departments and their main contact:

- External Affairs and Governance (**Collin and Robert**)
- Tribal Law / Litigation
- Membership Department (**Karman Cutarm, Manager**)
- Post Secondary Support Program (**Elinor Roan, Manager**)
- Lands Department (**Daniel Wildcat, Manager**)
- Restorative Justice (**Blaine Raine, Advisor**)

The External Affairs Division currently has many projects underway, from the ECN level to the international level.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS / GOVERNANCE AND TRIBAL LAW

### **1. E.C.N Constitution Update, E.C.N Election Law Update, ECN CnC Code of Conduct**

- Editorial updates completed on the Constitution
- Review and update current election law in conjunction with the Chief and Council Code of Conduct, last update to these foundational documents was approximately in 2010

### **2. E.C.N Land Law Development/ E.C.N Environmental Law Development**

- Connotations with land leasing, and consultation as well as commercial and corporate projects
- New Procedures and processes, land files will be up to date
- Leasing procedure codified

### **3. E.C.N Membership Law Update**

- Updating our membership law to counter new federal legislations

### **4. E.C.N Water Law Update**

- Connotations with land leasing, and consultation as well as commercial and corporate projects

### **5. ATR – Additions to Reserve Project / Partnership with EIRD Economic Development**

- Geo Technical Survey of the Fee simple lands to begin. Grant received for this project.

## CLAIMS

### **1. Agricultural Claim**

- (Cows and Ploughs)

### **2. Annuities Claim**

- Claim involving the Treaty Annuities to update and bring to current values

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### 3. **Ma-Me-O and Rimbey Claim**

- Ma-Me-O and Rimbey were put into abeyance during the Oil and Gas Claims, with these now complete these matters are now being reviewed by External Affairs and Governance
- Ma-Me-O has to do with the devolution of our land base between E.C.N and Pigeon Lake
- Rimbey claim, I am evolving this claim into a Resource Claim

### 4. **Water Litigation**

- E.C.N has NOT Settled our water issues with Canada yet. We are still fighting the Crown on this issue on all our behalf.
- This may become a new class action on behalf of all FN Citizens on rural water wells.

### 5. **Gottfriedson Class Action**

- Next steps is to develop a strategic and implementation plan for this in the areas of- Historical, Language and Cultural preservation and retention

### 6. **Research and development**

- Any new claims or litigations as they arise



### MASKWACIS CREE

#### 1. **Maskwacis 4 Nations Policing and Justice**

- Recent and ongoing safety concerns
- Discussion of 4 Nations Police Force
- Discussion of 4 Nations Restorative Justice and Judiciary as well

#### 2. **Maskwacis 4 Nations Animal Control Law E.C.N and Maskwacis Safety Planning Federal and Provincial Legislation**

#### 3. **Canada's Bill C-61**

#### 4. **First Nations Clean Water Act June 2024**

#### 5. **Alberta Legislations, Various bills and other political challenges from the Provincial Level**

### National and Regional

#### 1. **AFN, ABAFN**

#### 2. **T6 / AoTC / IELCC**

### Other duties provided by the External Affairs and Governance Director

- Assistance with diligence on various business and governance initiatives
- Liaison with outside and internal entities for collaboration with ECN Chief and Council
- Review and advise on documentation for Leadership and ECN Management as requested
- Assisting EIRD with the Waterline Project
- Collaborate with other First Nations in Alberta, Treaty 6









# Neyaskweyahk Classic Results

## Lady Warrior Race:

- 1. Wild & Cree
- 2. Golden Eagle

## Chief Race:

- 1. Golden Eagle
- 2. 150A
- 3. Crazy Cree Relay

## Warrior Race:

- 1. 150A
- 2. Arrowhead

## HEAT 1:

- 1. Prairie Thunder
- 2. Spearhead
- 3. Arrowhead
- 4. J.J. Nosima

## HEAT 2:

- 1. River Cree
- 2. Wild&Cree
- 3. Snake Hills
- 4. Jackson

## HEAT 3:

- 1. 150A
- 2. Crazy Cree Relay
- 3. Mînî Thnî
- 4. Golden Eagle

## Chuckwagon:

- Lee Adamson

## Chariots:

- Carter Wildcat

## RODEO WINNERS

**Bare Back:** Mathew Erasmus Jr. **Break Away Women:** Elaina Simon

**Novice Horse:** Beau Churchill Jr. **Steers:** Carson Lee

**Ladies Barrels:** Jade Fast **Jr. Barrels:** Bretleigh Delorme

**Pee Wee:** Kashlynn Yellowbird **Mini Bronc:** Carson Lee

**Saddle Bronc:** Beau Churchill **Team Roping:** Chad Thorson and Kyle Miller

**Ladies Breakaway:** Ashton Anderson **Bull Riding:** Ryan McDonald



ELAINA SIMON



CARSON LEE



CHAD THORSON AND KYLE MILLER



MATHEW ERASMUS



CARTER WILDCAT



BRETLEIGH DELORME



# COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE - FIRST QUARTER

We want our community members to be informed of Ermineskin's current events, programs, services and much more! We have recently increased our online presence to reach a wider range of followers and those who support the E.C.N community! The Ermineskin Facebook page now has **13.4k followers**, an **increase of 723 followers**. Which is **16.1% higher** than it was in the previous quarter. The E.C.N Facebook page also had **109.1K Facebook visits**, an increase of **30%** from the last quarter!

We would like to bridge the gap between Ermineskin Administration and our band members by having multiple source outlets such as social media, our website, our newsletter and our **BRAND NEW MOBILE APP!** As a department, we were able to create 15 videos of Alberta Treaty Hockey and Native Provincial Championship Games. In addition, 15 photo albums and hundreds of photos were shared on our social media. Our posts that received the largest engagement this quarter was the Provincial and Treaty Hockey Championships, Ermineskin Cree Nation Powwow 2024 and the Indigenous Day Celebration photos and videos.

We also accept submissions for topics, stories, or event highlights our members think we should cover for our social media or in our newsletter! We welcome our members to interact and feel like they can always reach out to the Communications Department for their Ermineskin updates and highlights!



## MEET OUR STAFF

Manager: **Tara Cutarm**

Research Assistant: **Isaac Ginter**

Newsletter Editor: **Kayla Cutarm**

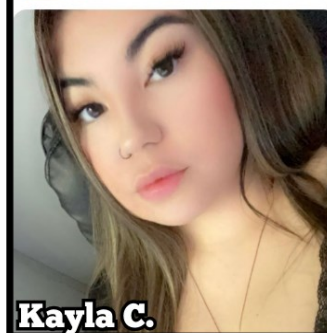
Website Coordinator: **Marleigh Cutarm**



**Tara C.**



**Marleigh C.**



**Kayla C.**



**Isaac G.**



# Community Events/Job Opportunities



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES: AUGUST 6TH

Apply at ECN Personnel Dpt.  
780-585-3741



Position	Closing Date	Required Documents
Homes Maintenance Technician with the Ermineskin CMHC/Property Management department	August 9, 2024	Application/Resume, copies of Certificates, updated Criminal Record Check and Driver Abstract
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Mentor/Support Workers with the Ermineskin Brighter Futures department	August 12, 2024	Application/Resume, updated Criminal Record Check, Child Intervention Check and Copies of Certificates
Manager with the Ermineskin Technical Services department	August 14, 2024	application/resume, copies of certificates, Driver Abstract and updated Clean Criminal Record Check
Arena Facility Manager with the Ermineskin Health and Wellness department	August 14, 2024	Application/Resume, copies of certificates, Driver Abstract, updated Clean Criminal Record Check and Child Intervention Check

12TH ANNUAL ROASTING RODEO MEMORIAL BUCK-OFF

5TH ANNUAL JUSTICE BRUNO MEMORIAL BUCK-OFF

AUGUST 17TH, 2024 - 2PM  
ROASTING RANCH, LOUIS BULL

STOCK SUPPLIED BY ROASTING, RODEO CO.

CANTEEN ONSITE AND VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE

MUTTON BUSTIN (AGES 2-4)  
BAREBACK: \$1000.00  
SADDLEBRONC: \$1000.00  
LADIES SADDLEBRONC: \$1000.00

OPEN ENTRIES:  
\$40 SADDLEBRONC BAREBACK, RANCH BRONCS

ENTRIES OPEN UNTIL:  
**AUG.14TH**

CONTACT CLYDE ROASTING: (780) 312-0154

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## ATTENTION

### NHS Clientele

As of August 6, 2024 Neyaskweyâhk Human Services phone lines are experiencing technical difficulties. NHS cannot receive incoming calls or make outgoing calls as our phone lines need to be repaired. Please bear with us as we are awaiting Telus to resolve the issue.

In the mean time if you need to contact your case worker, please send an email to the following;

- Angel Smallboy- Director [angel@erminekin.ca](mailto:angel@erminekin.ca)
- Penny Roan- Sr case manager [penny@erminekin.ca](mailto:penny@erminekin.ca)
- Loralyn Cutarm -PESP manger [loralyn@erminekin.ca](mailto:loralyn@erminekin.ca)
- Dennis Meneen -Case manager [mdennis@erminekin.ca](mailto:mdennis@erminekin.ca)
- Cason Makinaw -Case manager [cason@erminekin.ca](mailto:cason@erminekin.ca)
- Morgan Whitebear -Utilities clerk [morgan@erminekin.ca](mailto:morgan@erminekin.ca)
- Crystal Cutarm -Receptionist [crystal@erminekin.ca](mailto:crystal@erminekin.ca)
- Kenneth Roan -IAFNYES [kenneth@erminekin.ca](mailto:kenneth@erminekin.ca)

NHS office hours 8:30 A.M – 4:30 P.M Monday to Friday. We apologize for any inconvenience this my cause. We thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

## PARFLECHE EARRINGS CLASS

with Thunderheart Custom Designs

FIRST 15 PARTICIPANTS

AUGUST 14TH, 2024 | 1:00pm - 5:00pm

NOK BUILDING

Materials are all provided and there will be a catered lunch as well

Register Now

Skyilar Buffalo: (780) 312-8892



JOIN US







**Grizzlytrek Is Seeking Industrial Labourers For Fall Shutdowns  
Mid-August to End of September**

Apply online [www.grizzlytrekgroup.com](http://www.grizzlytrekgroup.com) or Email [hr@grizzlytrekgroup.com](mailto:hr@grizzlytrekgroup.com)

**Industrial Labourers Join the Adventure! Earn Upwards of \$3000/Week on Fall Shutdowns!**

Looking for your next big opportunity? GrizzlyTrek Group Ltd. is hiring Vacuum Support Labourers for high-pressure cleaning and vessel entry tank cleaning during the fall shutdown season.

- ◆ Earn \$26.50 to \$30 per hour + Overtime Pay
- ◆ Potential to earn upwards of \$3000 per week!
- ◆ Camp or hotel accommodations provided
- ◆ Travel covered from Edmonton or Grand Prairie
- ◆ Industry-leading benefits & subsistence allowance



**We are currently filling 150 positions for these shutdowns!**

- ◆ Edmonton AB \*Travel provided from Edmonton to the remote sites\*
- ◆ Grand Prairie AB \*Travel provided from Edmonton to the remote sites\*
- ◆ Peace River AB
- ◆ Northeastern BC

**Project Duration: Mid-August to End of September (Approximately 3 weeks per project)**

- ◆ On-the-job training & mentorship programs
- ◆ Career development & advancement opportunities
- ◆ Inclusive work environment with a focus on Indigenous community engagement

**Tickets Required**

- ◆ H2S Alive
- ◆ Confined Space
- ◆ First Aid
- ◆ Fall arrest & CSO



Email your resume to [hr@grizzlytrekgroup.com](mailto:hr@grizzlytrekgroup.com)

[Follow us on Facebook](#)

**MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT  
CENTER**



**14-17 Years of Age**

**ERMINESKIN YOUTH**

**CLASS 7 DRIVING TO  
SUCCESS**

**Location: MEC**  
**Start date: August**  
**12-16 2024**  
**Time: 10 am to 4 pm**

**REQUIRMENTS:**

- MUST HAVE VALID IDENTIFICATION [ BIRTH CERTIFICATE, INDIAN STATUS CARD
- MUST ATTEND DAILY CLASSES IN-PERSON
- MUST NOT HAVE ANY FINES
- MUST HAVE A GMAIL ACCOUNT

[Register Now](#)

Contact: **Jaylene Janvier**

780-585-4450

[jaylenejanvier@gmail.com](mailto:jaylenejanvier@gmail.com)

**N.A.L OFFICE CLOSED**

From August 12 to August 16



We will resume normal operations on  
**AUGUST 19, 2024, at 8:30 AM.**

Niwihcihaw Acceptance Ltd.  
Management



**MASKWACIS FAS GAS**

**NEW HOURS**

**MON- FRI 8AM -8PM**

**SAT- 10AM -6PM**

**SUN- CLOSED**



WORKSHOP

Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services  
presents

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE & YOUTH

*As part of the Youth Summer Program*

**WEDNESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S  
AUGUST 07-08, 14-15 &  
21-22, 2024**

**1:00PM - 4:00PM**

Registration  
Snacks  
Presentation  
Sharing Circle  
Group Activity:  
**HANDGAMES & ROPEBEADING**

- AGES 11-17
- NO TRANSPORTATION
- LIMITED SPACE, TO 10 YOUTH
- PARENTS MUST SIGN-IN YOUTH,  
NO DROP-OFFS

Contact this number below to register or for more information:  
MCSS @ 780-585-2268 ext. 1032



MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER



# FALL JOB FAIR

THURSDAY  
OCT. 17, 2024 -  
10 AM - 3 PM

HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL  
CENTER, MASKWACIS, ALBERTA

INDUSTRY REGISTRATION  
[www.maskwacisemployment.ca](http://www.maskwacisemployment.ca)

For more information contact 780-585-4450  
or email [lacey@maskwacisemployment.ca](mailto:lacey@maskwacisemployment.ca)


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BE PREPARED      BRING YOUR RESUME      DRESS TO IMPRESS



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# ART & CRAFT CLUB




\*LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE\*

WEDNESDAYS, 5PM-7PM

Painting

Crafting

Drawing

Ages

## 6-13

REGISTER NOW

(780) 585-3088  
[river@erminekskin.ca](mailto:river@erminekskin.ca)



## The EETF Awards Event




*There will be face painting, balloon twisting  
for the children, a photobooth and live music.*

**SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH, 2024**

**DOORS OPEN AT 2PM**  
**LOCATION:**  
**THE N.O.K. BUILDING**

**Secondary location - Erminekskin Elementary  
School Gym**  
(if the N.O.K. Building becomes unavailable due to a wake service)







# IMPORTANT NOTICE:

## MASKWACIS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Registration has **NOW OPENED** for the upcoming 2024-2025 hockey season. In order for us to start early, we require all registration forms to be handed in EARLY. There are many ways we can help you get registered as fast and quickly as possible.

- Download form, Print, fill out and email back to [maskwacishockey@gmail.com](mailto:maskwacishockey@gmail.com) or drop off form at the 4 Nations Arena
- Request a form by email: [maskwacishockey@gmail.com](mailto:maskwacishockey@gmail.com)
- Stop in at the office and pick a form up



There are many grants and funds available to alleviate the cost of your registration fees. The sooner you Register, the sooner you can apply for these Grants. Help is out there.

- [www.kidsportcanada.ca/alberta](http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/alberta) forms can also be picked up at the 4 Nations arena office.
- [www.kidsportHAP.ca](http://www.kidsportHAP.ca)
- [www.jumpstart.canadianfire.ca](http://www.jumpstart.canadianfire.ca) ONLINE ONLY
- [www.assistfund.hockeycanadafoundation.ca](http://www.assistfund.hockeycanadafoundation.ca) ONLINE ONLY
- Maskwacis Minor Hockey Association BINGOS
- Kisipatnahk Minor Sports BINGOS
- Samson Youth Sports Initiative BINGOS

For More Information

[maskwacishockey@gmail.com](mailto:maskwacishockey@gmail.com)

**Register  
Now**

# We want to hear from you.

We are asking for your participation in the 2024 Ermineskin Cree Nation Census. To plan for the next 7 Generations, it matters what we do today.



Scan QR Code or follow link below to fill out the 2024 Census online!



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMP6WX5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMP6WX5)



**INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**  
ERMINESKIN CREE NATION